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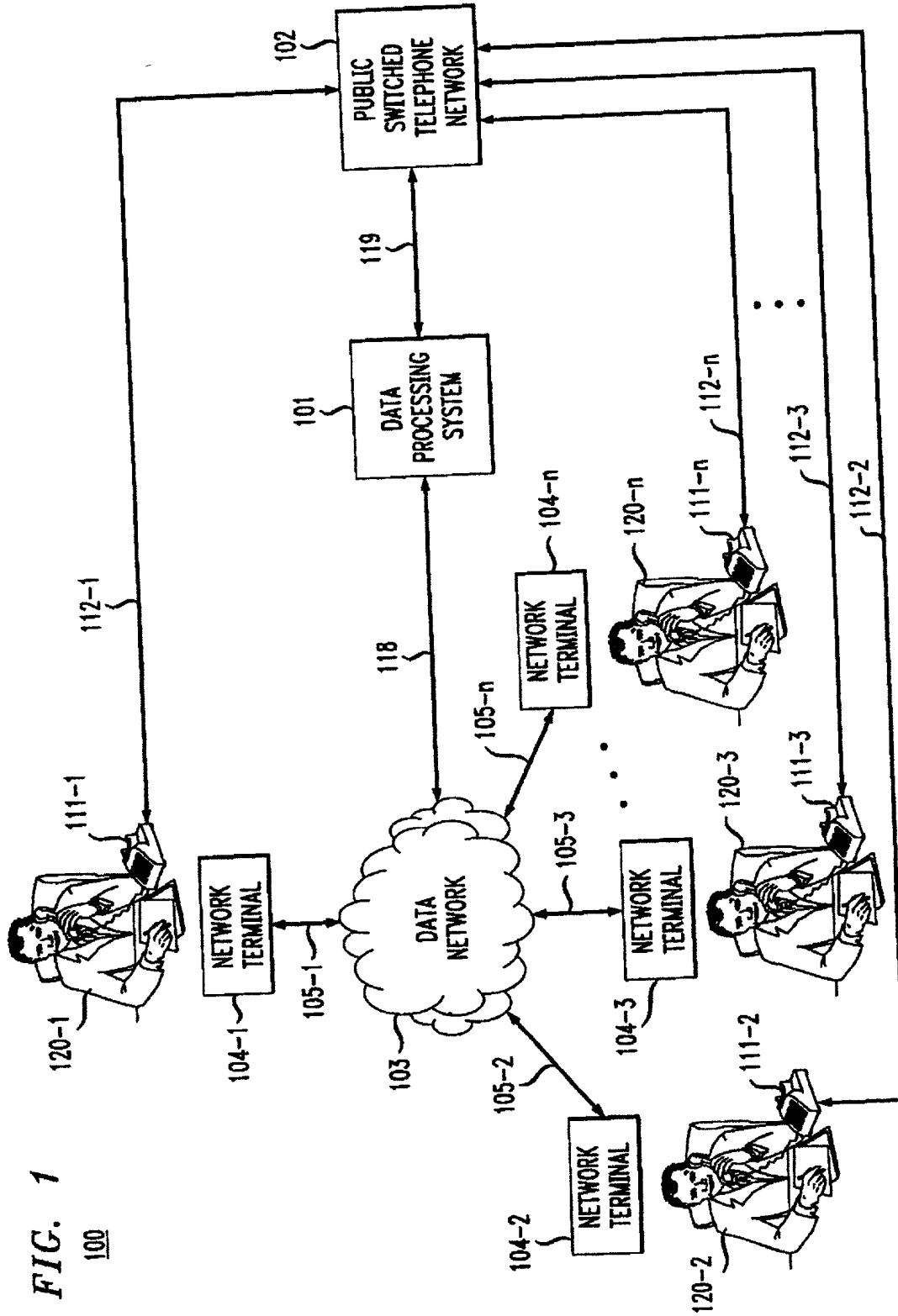


FIG. 2

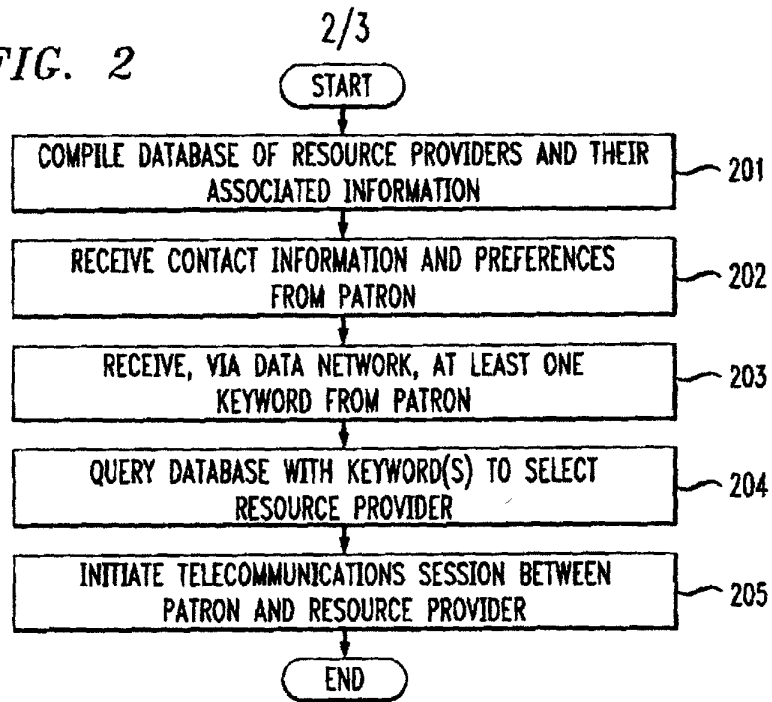
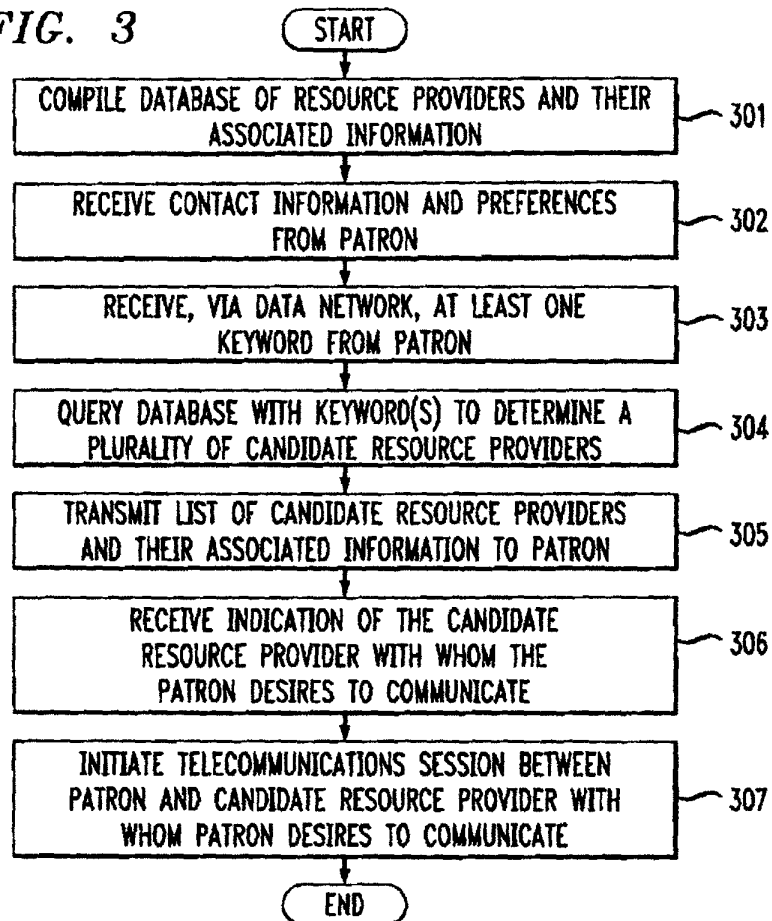


FIG. 3



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FIG. 4

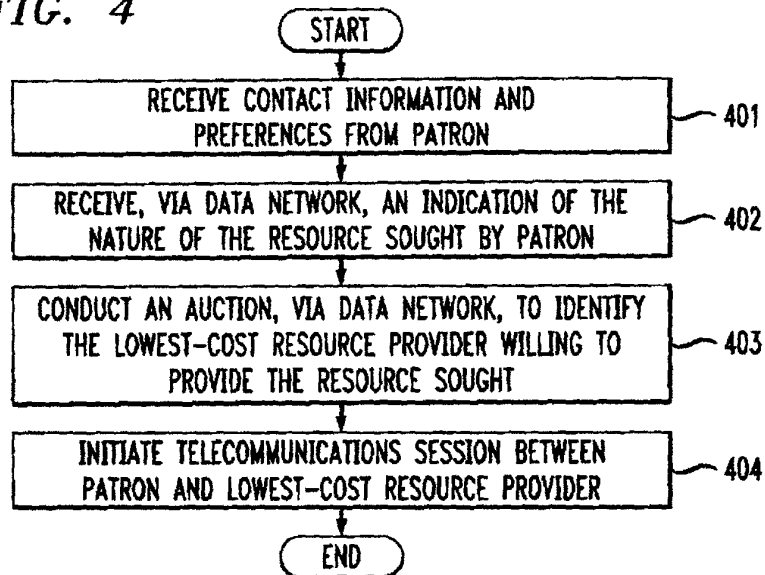
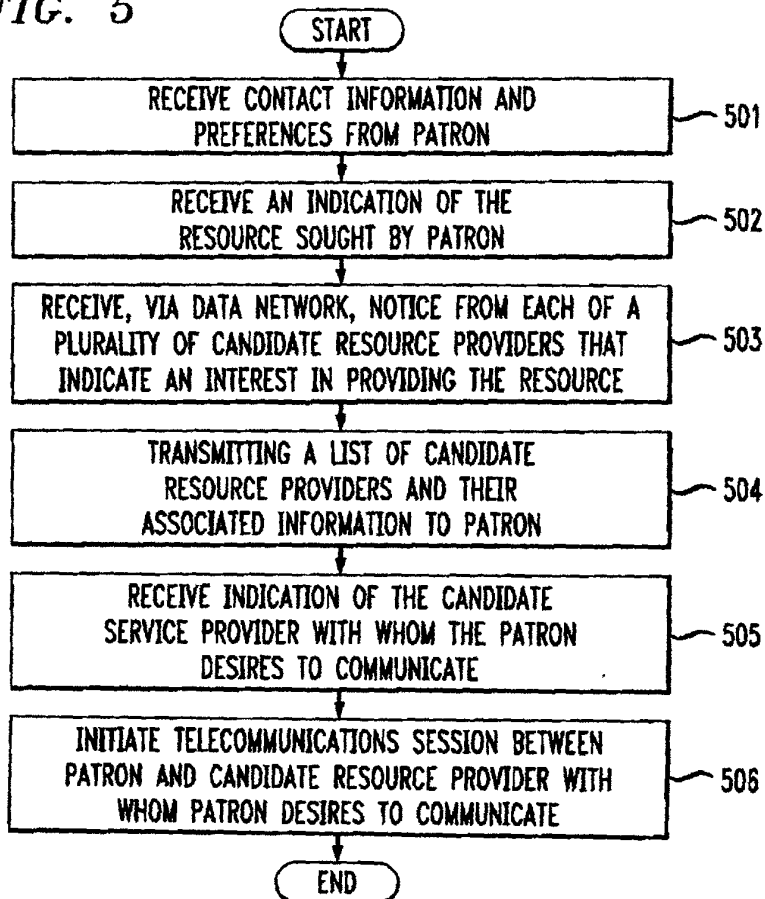


FIG. 5



- i. the equipment necessary to receive signals from public switched telephone network 102 and to convert them into audio, video and/or text signals that can be perceived and understood by a human user, and
- ii. the equipment necessary to receive audio, video and/or text signals from a human user and to convert them into signals for delivery to public switched telephone network 102.

It will be clear to those skilled in the art how to make and use each of telecommunications terminals 111-1 through 111-*n*.

Telecommunications links 112-1 through 112-*n* comprise the transmission equipment needed to carry signals from public switched telephone network 102 to telecommunications terminals 111-1 through 111-*n*, respectively, and from telecommunications terminals 111-1 through 111-*n* to public switched telephone network 102. Each of telecommunications links 112-1 through 112-*n* comprises wireline, wireless, or a combination of wireline and wireless telecommunications facilities. It will be clear to those skilled in the art how to make and use telecommunications links 112-1 through 112-*n*. Telecommunications links 112-1 through 112-*n* can comprise both private and public facilities.

Data network 103 comprises all of the switching and transmission facilities needed to route data between network terminals 104-1 through 104-*n* and data processing system 101. In accordance with the illustrative embodiment, data network 103 is advantageously the Internet. Data network 103 advantageously comprises the transmission and switching bandwidth needed to enable a telecommunications session between any two or more of network terminals 104-1 through 104-*n*. It will be clear to those skilled in the art how to make and use data network 103.

Each of network terminals 104-1 through 104-*n* comprises the equipment and executable program code needed to enable a human user to:

- i. communicate with data processing system 101, and
- ii. participate in a telecommunications session.

In accordance with the illustrative embodiment, each of network terminals 104-1 through 104-*n* is a computer that comprises a display, keyboard, microphone, speakers, *etc.* Alternatively, some of network terminals 104-1 through 104-*n* can be a pager, personal digital assistant or other device. Furthermore, each of network terminals 104-1 through 104-*n* can be a wireline or wireless terminal. It will be clear to those skilled in the art how to make and use each of network terminals 104-1 through 104-*n*.

Telecommunications links 105-1 through 105-*n* comprise the transmission equipment needed to carry signals from data network 103 to telecommunications terminals 104-1 through 104-*n*,